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Public involvement in the coastal habitat management of Atanasovsko and Pomorie lakes

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Where are we?



Part of the Burgas wetland complex – the largest wetland complex in Bulgaria and vital hotspot for birds migrating along the Via Pontica flyway.

Mechanisms of public participation



- Informing the public
- Public involvement
- Engaged participation

Integrated management requires simultaneous partnership at all levels & careful planning, but it should be kept as simple as possible



Stakeholders' involvement



How?



Public councils

- Entrepreneurs & business owners;
- Local & national government policymakers;
- Research institutes & Scientists ;
- Representatives of sector associations (farmers, hunters, teachers);
- Protected areas (PAs) managers;
- Community leaders.



Atanasovsko lake

Public consultative council



- Long lasting process since 2013
- Successful platform for discussions on environmental, economic and social aspects of the coastal lagoon management

Pomorie lagoon Consultative council



- New approach for this area.
- 1st council meeting
Nov. 2021
- Big range of stakeholders
- Difficulties in involving the businesses in the areas

Participatory conservation fund



Engaging small and middle-sized business for creating common share for the lagoon conservation





Engaging general
public



How?





350 volunteers involved annually





Playing & Learning together



SymBiotic:

interactive exhibition and learning space



Gentle place-making







Creating ART & CULTURE



Thank you!

<https://biodiversity.bg/en/>

Project: Lagoon of Life

<https://lagoon.biodiversity.bg/the-lagoon>

Project: Life for Pomorie Lagoon

<https://lifeforpomorielagoon.eu/en/>



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